

# Fact Sheet

## Birmingham Collaborative Information Sharing Framework/Policy and Data Sharing Agreement

### Introduction

Birmingham Children's Trust are working in partnership with Birmingham schools to provide a joint case management system to support the Birmingham Children's Partnership working in the early help system. As Early Help is everyone's responsibility the aim is to have a shared case management system so that families can be supported by early help in an efficient and coherent way. The current system being used is ECINS.

### The Collaborative Information Sharing Policy

This Policy has been developed by Birmingham Children's Trust to meet data protection requirements under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 for organisations working with children to know who they can safely share data with for the **purposes** of:

- *safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and their families.*
- *Provision of social care for children and adults*
- *Provision of health services*

Much of the Policy centres on how organisations signed up to the information sharing framework will comply with the data protection principles to process personal data, special category data and criminal offence data.

The Policy also identifies the lawful bases and relevant conditions under data protection law for processing different categories of data for the above-mentioned **purposes** with the objective to enable professionals and practitioners using their judgement and experience to decide whether and what necessary and relevant information to share with other professionals and practitioners to safeguard and promote the welfare of a child, young people, and their families.

### The Collaborative Data Sharing Agreement

Having a data sharing agreement in place helps you as the data controller to demonstrate you are meeting your accountability obligations under the UK GDPR.

The Agreement sets out the data sharing arrangements between organisations that are party to the Policy, and describes the personal data, special category data and criminal offence to be shared between the organisations for the respective purposes of the respective services they provide.

The scope of the data shared is specifically defined the Agreement that each party will process in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Data Protection Legislation. The Agreement also helps all the parties involved in sharing to be clear about their roles and responsibilities.

Both the Policy and Agreement are available here for viewing [Data Sharing Agreement Application](#)

You may wish to seek advice and guidance from the school's Data Protection Officer and, or legal advisor.